The Department of African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign seeks applications for the Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Research Associates for 2018-2019. The positions will assist scholars who study African Americans and Black populations in the United States and across the African Diaspora. They provide consultation with faculty in the discipline of Black Studies and other fields, and assistance in furthering the associate’s development as a productive scholar. The call for applications is open to all scholars in the humanities, the arts, and social sciences, as well as scholars pursuing new interdisciplinary approaches in African-American Studies.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and must have received a doctorate or appropriate terminal degree within the past four years, or have completed this requirement before the beginning of the fellowship year. Only in rare exceptions will this requirement be waived. They must also demonstrate promise for a tenure-track appointment at a research university.

Appointments have a target start date of August 16, 2018, and are for a nine-month period, August 16, 2018 – May 15, 2019. Contingent on funding and approval, recipients may be eligible to apply for a second year. Recipients must be in residence full-time at the University’s Urbana campus for the duration of the appointment, and may not hold other fellowships, awards, or employment during the appointment period. In addition to continuing their research, associates are expected to teach a course for the department during the spring semester, give a lecture from which a working paper or article may be produced, and participate in departmental activities and events. Associates will be housed in the Department of African American Studies, mentored by a senior core faculty member in that Department, and will have networking opportunities with other faculty and with postdoctoral fellows/associates in American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, and Latina/Latino Studies.

Postdoctoral research associates will receive a $47,476 salary paid over a 12-month period (September 2018 – August 2019), $5,000 in research funds, and a comprehensive benefits package.

Applicants must submit a completed application with the following: a letter of intent; curriculum vitae; a statement of the research project to be undertaken during the appointment; official graduate transcripts; a sample of scholarly writing. Applications must be submitted by email as a single PDF document to tpalmer@illinois.edu or a printed copy mailed to: Tracee Palmer, Department of African American Studies, 1201 W. Nevada Street, Urbana, IL, 61801. In addition, three letters of recommendation, including one letter from the thesis/dissertation advisor, should be emailed (with the subject line “Post Doc Recommendation”, last name of applicant) or mailed to the same address. For full consideration, complete applications should be received by December 15, 2017.

Applications will be evaluated and recipients selected by faculty in the Department of African American Studies. Members representing the applicant’s disciplinary interest may also review the scholarly records, letters of reference, and research proposals of the applicants. Decisions will be made by January 31, 2018.

For more information about the department, see our website: http://www.afro.illinois.edu. Questions regarding the postdoctoral research associate positions and application process can be directed to Dr. Desiree McMillion, Department of African American Studies, dymcm@illinois.edu or 217-333-7781.

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